



Bowie State University Residence Hall Association

Dear Bowie State University Community,

As we all know, the country of Haiti has been hit by a tragic natural disaster. The United States of America has heard that it is our job to help countries in need. It is our obligation to be giving civilians. The Residence Hall Association of Bowie State University has heard the call for help from the country of Haiti and we are stretching our arms overseas to help the Haitian people. The Residence Hall Association has been in contact with **Soles4Souls** to help donate shoes from the students, faculty and staff of Bowie State University to the people of Haiti.

Soles4Souls is a Nashville-based charity that collects shoes from the warehouses of footwear companies and the closets of people like you. The charity distributes these shoes free of charge to people in need, regardless of race, religion, class, or any other criteria. Since 2005, **Soles4Souls** has given away over 5.5 million pairs of new and gently worn shoes (currently donating one pair every 9 seconds.) The shoes have been distributed to people in over 125 countries, including Kenya, Thailand, Nepal and the United States. **Soles4Souls** has been featured in Runner's World, Ladies' Home Journal, National Geographic's Green Guide, and The New York Times. It has appeared on CBS, ABC, NBC, FOX, BBC, CNN and thousands of regional news outlets across North America. **Soles4Souls** is a 501(c) (3) recognized by the IRS and donating parties are eligible for tax advantages. Anyone can join our cause, and we need your help. (Source: www.sole4souls.org)

The Residence Hall Association will start the shoe donating process on March 22, 2010 and continue through April 10, 2010. This will allow time for the students, staff, and faculty of Bowie State University to place shoes in designated areas so that we can ship the shoes to **Soles4Souls**. After that, **Soles4Souls** will ship the shoes to Haiti on behalf of Bowie State University.

We at the Residence Hall Association ask you all to participate in our efforts to donate shoes to the Haitian people.

Thank you,

Alexandra T. Garrett, President

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